



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/895,530	06/29/2001	Brian Rasmussen	SUN-P6570	8174
32615	7590	06/09/2006	EXAMINER	
OSHA LIANG L.L.P./SUN 1221 MCKINNEY, SUITE 2800 HOUSTON, TX 77010				JUNG, DAVID YIUK
ART UNIT		PAPER NUMBER		
		2134		

DATE MAILED: 06/09/2006

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/895,530	RASMUSSEN, BRIAN
Examiner	Art Unit	
David Y. Jung	2134	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 January 2006.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

CLAIMS PRESENTED

Claims 1-21 are presented.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. www.opengroup.org/rfc/mirror-rfc/rfc71.0txt (Rfc) is cited for this purpose.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over www.opengroup.org/rfc/mirror-rfc/rfc71.0txt (Rfc) and Entrust, <http://www.entrust.com/news/files/5312.htm> and NTS and FSSA and Win2000.

Regarding claim 1, NTS and FSSA and Win2000 teach as noted in the previous Office Action. Entrust teaches such smart card providing security levels as recited (i.e., quote from Bob Heard, the fifth from the bottom paragraph: "Datakey smart cards can handle multiple profiles, certificates and key pairs."). Such multiple profiles show that

multiple security levels are handled. Entrust teaches this feature for the motivation of "enhancing the security (another quote from Bob Heard)."

Applicant asserts that the motivation to combine smart cards and non-smart card access ("if smart card is not being used") does not exist in the prior art. Rfc provides such motivation (section 4.0 OVERVIEW OF SMART CARD SYSTEM DESIGN, the third paragraph, i.e. "If passwords are to co-exist with smart card access ... login script would indicate which of the keys the authentication server should use ..."). The passage does note that a strong authentication would not be served by such co-existence but also provides mechanisms for a weaker authentication when such a weaker authentication is desired.

Hence, it would have been obvious to those of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the claimed invention to combine the teachings of the references for the motivation (for having an option for a weaker authentication) noted in the previous paragraphs so as to teach the claimed invention.

The other limitations of the other claims have been noted in the previous Office Action. For these reasons, claims 2-21 are not patentable.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

Points of Contact

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

or faxed to:

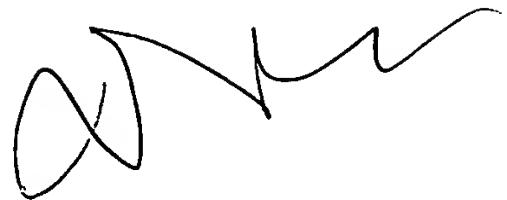
(571) 273-8300, (for formal communications intended for entry)

Or:

(571) 273-3836 (for informal or draft communications, please label "PROPOSED" or
"DRAFT")

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to David Jung whose telephone number is (571) 272-3836
or Jacques Louis-Jacques whose telephone number is (571) 272-6962.

David Jung

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DJ".

Patent Examiner

6/6/06